

Utah Department of Health TB Control/Refugee Health Program

THE BCG VACCINE What does it mean to me?



If you had the BCG vaccine,
here's what you need to know

BCG and Your TB Skin Test

BCG is not used in the United States. In countries where TB is common, it is often given to infants and small children. It may protect infants and small children from getting more serious forms of TB.

If you have had BCG, and your skin test is positive, it probably means that you have TB infection if:

- ☒ Your skin test reaction is large
- ☒ You had BCG a long time ago (because the BCG reaction gets smaller over time)
- ☒ You have spent time with a person who has infectious TB
- ☒ Someone in your family has had TB disease
- ☒ You are from a country where TB disease is common

If you have any other questions about BCG, please call the Health Department at _____ .